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COMMENTS ON SVETLANA

[The following is a complete translation of the article entitled "She Became a Good Which Had to Be Sold" which appeared in Literaturnaya Gazeta, 7 June 1967, p 15. (Ellipses included in source)]

[Introductory paragraph]: The French weekly Nouveau Candide published an article by journalist Oriana Fallaci in its 4 June 1967 issue with the headline "Svetlana and Dollars." Below we are publishing several excerpts from this article starting with the fact that S. Alliluyeva arrived in Rome accompanied by her bodyguard Reilly*, a CIA employee. Fearing that newspapermen would follow them, the Italian police devised a plan by which they were to board a regular plane separately and at the last minute.

[Text]: The Italians are very poor organizers and it turned out that Reilly was alone on the plane, without Svetlana, up until the moment that the plane started.

The stairs were pulled up. Reilly left the plane, began looking for her, but did not find her. Finally he found her...guarded by a soldier who was armed with a rifle. She was shaking with such insane anger that she not only made the soldier shake, but also his rifle. And it was impossible to prove to her that the lack of coordination occurred due to excessive effort; that she must understand this, and that they would wait for the next plane. They had to get a special plane for her. And, of course, immediately!

...She deplaned in the United States...She immediately developed a sudden interest in the Church of Christian Science. In short, even in spiritual problems she permitted herself to be carried away by passion, a feeling which, as many people know, is not long lasting. What will she take up now?

...When Ingrid Bergman left her child in Hollywood in order to live with Rossellini in Italy, all America raised violent cries. But there are none regarding Svetlana.

On the other hand, they feel sorry for this unfortunate. However, Svetlana did not flee because of Rossellini but in order to save her conscience and her book. We don't have to show that the book will bring her at least a million dollars. (3 million dollars according to other press sources.--Ed.) Poor Svetlana!